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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. SMITHSONIAN WOULD WELCOME UP TO FIVE AZOREANS AMONG PORTUGUESE PARTICIPANTS, ASSUMING LOPES-GRACA ACCEPTS THEIR FOLKLORIC AUTHENTICITY AND IS NOT ALREADY COMMITTED TO ALL-MAINLAND GROUP.
2. LATEST PHONE CALL WITH D'OREY INDICATES LOPES-GRACA AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAVE MADE SELECTIONS. D'OREY WILLING TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS FOR MINISTRY IF DESIRED, BUT CANNOT ACCOMPANY GROUP TO U.S. HE BELIEVES FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 22 OR 23 PERFORMERS, ONE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRESENTER, ONE TRAVEL AIDE.
3. WOULD APPRECIATE USIS CLARIFYING EDUCATION MINISTRY'S ROLE AND DETERMINING WHO WILL BE PROPOSED AS PRESENTER AND TRAVEL AIDE. PLEASE STRESS IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL AIDE'S ENGLISH-SPEAKING SKILLS. SMITHSONIAN DESIRES ASAP FULL NAMES, ADDRESSES, DATES OF BIRTH, SEX, DIETARY PREFERENCES, FOLKLORE SPECIALTY OF EACH PARTICIPANT PROPOSED. ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN DEPENDENT ON LOPES-GRACA ENDORSEMENT AND/OR TAPES, PHOTOS OR RECORDS BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVED BY SMITHSONIAN. SMITHSONIAN MOST RELUCTANT TO

BE FORCED, DUE TO PRESSURE OF TIME, TO ACCEPT
PERFORMERS WITHOUT FINAL SMITHSONIAN REVIEW OF TAPES
AND PHOTOS. KISSINGER

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